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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 13, 2000 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a Response to the Restriction Requirement issued December 13, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 13, 2000 Restriction Requirement is due January 13, 2001. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Claims 1-30 are pending in the subject application.

In the December 13, 2000 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following allegedly distinct invention as follows:

- I. Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-9, 12-16, 19-20, 22-23 and 26-29, drawn to a pair of plants each transformed with a gene encoding a non-functional portion of an enzyme and a method for crossing those plants to obtain a plant with a functional enzyme;
- II. Claims 3-4, 7, 10, 17-18, 21, and 24, drawn to a pair of plants each transformed with a gene encoding a portion conferring male sterility; and